Indian POLITY

Unit 1 - The Constitutional Development of India

Acts Under Company Rule

Regulating Act, 1773

- Passed by British Parliament
- **Aims**

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  To abolish
  - Corruption
  - Maladministration

  } Prevalent in Company

- **Provisions**
  - Madras Presidency
  - Bombay Presidency
  - Governor of Bengal

  } Under Calcutta Presidency

  → Governor General of Bengal (British Regions)
  - First Supreme Court was established in the year **-1774**

Pitts India Act, 1784

Major Provisions

- Increase in Government control in the affairs of the company, establishment of control Board
- Policy of Non-Interference in the business of the Company.
- The Commercial & Political functions of the company were separated from each other

Act of 1786

Governor General had the power to override the decision of his council in special cases and to give effect to his decisions.

Charter Act, 1813

- It ended the Company's monopoly over trade
  - Except for tea & trade with China
- Right to control over Indian territories & Revenue for the next 20 years to the company
- First time made provision to invest Rs 1 Lakh rupees per year on the education of Indians

Charter Act, 1833

- The Company's commercial privileges were closed down.
- Provision for the Company to do only administrative work
- The Governor General of Bengal now became the Governor General of India
- **To enact laws**
  - A law member included in the Governor-General's council (Macaulay-The first legal member) (The legislative powers were taken away from the Bombay & Madras Presidencies)